

TITLE: [RETAINING WALL](#)

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DEFINITION: A vertical structure that retains soil or rock at various grades.

PURPOSE: To prevent erosion on sloped land or to add usable space.

COMMON COMPONENTS: Post; Railing; Block

LOCATION:

|                                     |         |                  |
|-------------------------------------|---------|------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Unit    | None             |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Inside  | None             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Outside | Property grounds |

MORE INFORMATION: For the purpose of this inspection, a “retaining wall” is only classified as such if it is at least 24 inches tall and does not include decorative planters or foundation wall.

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DEFICIENCY 1: Retaining wall is leaning away from the fill side.

LOCATION: ☒ Outside

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DEFICIENCY 2: Retaining wall is partially or completely collapsed.

LOCATION: ☒ Outside

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DEFICIENCY I — OUTSIDE: RETAINING WALL IS LEANING AWAY FROM THE FILL SIDE.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Retaining wall is leaning away from the fill side.

HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: Moderate      The Moderate Health and Safety category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a moderate risk of an adverse medical event requiring a healthcare visit; cause temporary harm; or if left untreated, cause or worsen a chronic condition that may have long-lasting adverse health effects; or that the physical security or safety of a resident or their property could be compromised.

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 30 days

HCV PASS / FAIL: Fail

HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 30 days

INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION: - Look at the retaining wall while standing parallel to determine if the wall is standing upright.  
 - Verify the wall is not more than 90 degrees from the base of the slope.

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - Measure the retaining wall to verify the height is 24 inches or greater.  
 - If it is not at least 24 inches, then it is not subject to inspection.

MORE INFORMATION: - If the retaining wall is leaning (sloped) toward the fill side, do not cite a deficiency.  
 - If present, inspect the guardrail under the Guardrail standard.

DEFICIENCY 2 — OUTSIDE: RETAINING WALL IS PARTIALLY OR COMPLETELY COLLAPSED.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Retaining wall is partially or completely collapsed.

HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: Moderate      The Moderate Health and Safety category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a moderate risk of an adverse medical event requiring a healthcare visit; cause temporary harm; or if left untreated, cause or worsen a chronic condition that may have long-lasting adverse health effects; or that the physical security or safety of a resident or their property could be compromised.

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 30 days

HCV PASS / FAIL: Fail

HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 30 days

INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION: - Look at the entire retaining wall for signs of collapse.

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - None

MORE INFORMATION: - None

## SUMMARY OF CHANGES

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| FIELD                           | CHANGE   | VERSION | DATE       |
|---------------------------------|--|---------|------------|
| ----                            | Abbreviated published version                    | V2.2    | 2022-06-23 |
| Name Variants                   | Removed from published version                   |         |            |
| Common Materials                | Removed from published version                   |         |            |
| Rationale                       | Removed from published version                   |         |            |
| Tools or Equipment              | Removed from published version                   |         |            |
| Deficiency 1                    |  | V2.2    | 2022-06-23 |
| Health and Safety Determination | Outside: Relabeled from "Standard" to "Moderate" |         |            |
| Deficiency 2                    |  | V2.2    | 2022-06-23 |
| Health and Safety Determination | Outside: Relabeled from "Standard" to "Moderate" |         |            |
| ----                            | Copyedits  | V2.1    | 2021-04-02 |
| Deficiency 1                    |  | V2.0    | 2020-10-28 |
| Health and Safety Determination | Added standardized description                   |         |            |
| HCV Pass / Fail                 | Field added; response input as "Fail"            |         |            |
| Deficiency 2                    |  | V2.0    | 2020-10-28 |
| Health and Safety Determination | Added standardized description                   |         |            |
| HCV Pass / Fail                 | Field added; response input as "Fail"            |         |            |
| Overall Formatting              | Complete rework of document format and layout    | V1.3    | 2020-07-31 |
| Definition                      | Revised definition                               | V1.3    | 2020-07-31 |
| Purpose                         | Field added                                      | V1.3    | 2020-07-31 |
| Common Components               | Revised common components                        | V1.3    | 2020-07-31 |
| More Information                | Field added                                      | V1.3    | 2020-07-31 |

| Deficiency 1                    | Separated by inspectable locations — Outside   | VI.3 | 2020-07-31 |
|---------------------------------|--|------|------------|
| Title                           | Added inspectable locations  |      |            |
| Health and Safety Determination | Revised to “Standard” determination; added standardized description                              |      |            |
| Correction Timeframe            | Field added; response input as “Within 30 days”  |      |            |
| HCV — Correction Timeframe      | Field added; response input as “Within 30 days”  |      |            |
| Rationale                       | Revised rationale categories, types, and explanations; added standardized codes and descriptions |      |            |
| Inspection Process              | Revised observation, request for help, action, and more information                              |      |            |
| Tools or Equipment              | Field added to deficiency  |      |            |
| Deficiency 2                    | Separated by inspectable locations — Outside   | VI.3 | 2020-07-31 |
| Title                           | Revised title; added inspectable locations   |      |            |
| Deficiency Criteria             | Revised deficiency criteria  |      |            |
| Health and Safety Determination | Added standardized description   |      |            |
| Correction Timeframe            | Field added; response input as “Within 30 days”  |      |            |
| HCV — Correction Timeframe      | Field added; response input as “Within 30 days”  |      |            |
| Rationale                       | Revised rationale, types, and explanations; added standardized codes and descriptions            |      |            |
| Tools or Equipment              | Field added to deficiency; response revised  |      |            |